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BOOK REVIEWS

Capture in War on Land and Sea. By Hans Wehberg, Dr. Jur. Translated from the original German. With an Introduction by John M. Robertson, M. P., London. P. S. King and Son, 1911. pp. xxxv, 210.

That the constant struggle among the naval powers of the world to increase their armaments is caused solely by the retention of the law of prize on sea, is the argument set forth by Dr. Wehberg in his book.

After an historical review, the author shows the present status of the law of prize on land, where private property, since the Declaration of Paris, has been inviolate with but few exceptions; and he then points out the present limitations on the law of prize at sea. The latter half of the book deals entirely with the question of the abolition of the right to prey on the enemy's commerce. The writer points out the fallacies in the various arguments adduced to justify the law of prize on sea, and in a clear and convincing manner supports his contention that the right should be abolished.

In an introduction by Mr. John M. Robertson, M. P., a strong plea is made for "sanity and restriction of armaments".

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Handbook on the Construction and Interpretation of the Laws. By Henry Campbell Black, M. A., author of Black's Law Dictionary, and of various legal treatises. Second Edition. St. Paul, Minn., West Publishing Co., 1911. pp. xii, 710.

The author has devoted his energy to a subject, which at the present time is of great importance. In this era of constitution making, and of radical reform, which our system of government is experiencing, the subject of interpretation has become a vital one. With the vast amount of legislation passed by our numerous legislative bodies, the fundamental principles of interpretation are of much concern.

This work is a thorough treatise upon the rules to be applied in determining the meaning of a law. The work is systematically